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SUBJECT: SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY SESSION OPENS

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1. A SPECIAL ONE-WEEK SESSION OF THE FOLKETING OPENS TODAY. THE SESSION WAS CALLED BY ANKER JORGENSEN LAST SPRING (REFTEL) IN ORDER TO TAKE ACTION TO HELP DENMARK'S ECONOMY, PARTICULARLY ITS BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICIT AND RISING UNEMPLOYMENT. THE GOVERNING SOCIAL DEMOCRATS HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH ALMOST ALL THE PARTIES IN THE FOLKETING DURING THE SUMMER RECESS IN AN ATTEMPT TO GAIN AGREEMENT ON A BUNDLE OF PROPOSALS DESIGNED TO DEAL WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DENMARK'S ECONOMIC WOES. THE GOVERNMENT'S PACKAGE INCLUDES A THREE PERCENT VAT INCREASE (TO A TOTAL OF 18 PERCENT), HIGHER EXCISE TAXES AND JOB CREATION EXPENDITURES.

2. AS OF THIS MORNING, NO AGREEMENT HAD BEEN OBTAINED BETWEEN THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND THE PARTIES WHO MADE UP THE AUGUST 1976 COMPROMISE--NOR, FOR THAT MATTER,

WITH ANY OTHER POLITICAL CONSTELLATION, LEFT OR RIGHT.
HERE ALSO REMAINS IMPORTANT AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC
RELATED TRADE UNION FEDERATION (LO), WHICH DEMANDS
STEPS TO FORCE SECTORS OF SOCIETY OTHER THAN THE
WAGE-EARNING WORKERS TO CARRY A FAIR SHARE OF THE
BURDEN.

3. ALL OF THIS HAS LED TO CONSIDERABLE PRESS SPECU-
LATION OVER THE WEEKEND THAT NO FOLKETING MAJORITY
WILL BE REACHED ON ANY MUTUALLY-AGREEABLE PACKAGE
AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT FALL. WE DO NOT GIVE
MUCH CREDIT TO THIS SPECULATION. NONE OF THE SERIOUS
POLITICAL PARTIES WISHES AN ELECTION NOW NOR WOULD
EXPECT TO BENEFIT FROM ONE. ON THE CONTRARY, WE
ELIEVE THAT, IN TYPICAL DANISH CLIFF-HANGING FASHION,
A LAST MINUTE COMPROMISE MAJORITY WILL BE OBTAINED
IN THE FOLKETING. IN FACT, IT MAY WELL BE MORE DIF-
FICULT FOR THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT TO COME
TO TERMS WITH ITS TRADE UNION COUNTERPART THAN TO
GET POLITICAL AGREEMENT IN THE FOLKETING.
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